

Fadely, Karen

From: Donald Silawsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2005 8:00 AM
To: Fadely, Karen
Subject: FW: Strategic Petroleum Reserve comments

KAREN: SPR EIS comment. Note that the sender is asking for additional info.

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From: Al Hindrichs <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2005 18:35:14 -0500
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Strategic Petroleum Reserve comments

Mr. Silawsky,
I was asked to comment on a series of proposed expansions of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, in particular the proposed Bruinsburg, Mississippi; Richton, Mississippi; and Bayou Choctaw, Louisiana sites. These sites are described in your letter and attachments dated November 21, 2005.

The proposed Bruinsburg site is located in the aquifer recharge area for Baton Rouge and many other communities in southern Mississippi and Louisiana. The Richton and Bayou Choctaw sites may not be as much of a problem but are still in the vicinity of this aquifer. Due to this concern I would like to request additional information regarding the design of these proposed caverns, in particular their depth and the depth of the proposed brine disposal wells. Both the storage of oil and the disposal of brine underground in this region could severely impact water quality in communities served by this aquifer. Therefore, I require additional information before making a determination.

You can provide the information either by email or by U.S. Postal mail. My mailing address is:

Albert Hindrichs
Water Quality Assessment Division
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Hindrichs, Environmental Scientist Staff
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Water Quality Assessment Division

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